

Mirror sports



DAVE PETTINATO (11) grinds out yardage during Saturday's Carbondale Area Charger-Wallenpaupack Area contest. Chargers won game 19-12. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

On the 50-yard line

JOHN WILCHIA

Mark Pettinato will handle the coaching of the Carbondale Area Chargers.

If you thought that the national pastime was beyond the reach of technology, think again. —"Space Age" baseball is here.

Musano Corp. of Japan has come up with electronic foul lines and electronic strike-out zone sensors that would eliminate much of the guesswork from an umpire's calls.

Also in the future you will see a six-finger glove which can be used on either the left or right hand.

Muhammad Ali is scheduled to meet Trevor Berbick in the Bahamas on Dec. 11.

Look-alikes: Jerry Springer and the Rams' Jack Youngblood.

I can figure out that TV commercial that O.J. Simpson does for Hertz Rent-A-Car.

O.J. doesn't run through an airport this time, but lies into a parked Hertz car while it is being towed. If he can fly, why does he have to rent a car?

Chargers' Football Club meeting every Tuesday night at the high school auditorium. Game films are shown after every meeting. The meetings start at 7:30.

Everybody feels sorry for the fans who follow Chicago professional teams. Peter Cope of Lake Shill, Ill., tells that he was stopped for speeding.

"I told the officer, 'That's the way the

evening has gone. I was just at the Bears game." Cope said.

"He gave me the license back and said, 'You've been through enough.'"

Ron Straka telling me recently that the Baskin Bears have six area head football coaches coaching presently.

They are: Western Wayne coach Mike Magnoli, Dunmore coach Jack Hertz, Trail coach Rich Ronchi, Valley View coach Frank Pazzaglia, Mid-Valley coach Garri Prusinski, and Prep coach Phil Angeli.

Would you consider the following men athletes or nuts?

M. Lott of France ate a bicycle during a 15-day period in 1977.

He ate the frame in the form of metal filings. The tires were cut into leather strips and "stewed."

Joe Swatney, 19, ate an 11-foot birch sapling — branches, leaves and a 47-inch diameter trunk in 89 hours to win a Chicago radio station's most outrageous contest.

Count Desmond of Binghamton, N.Y., swallowed 13 23-inch long sword blades.

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Wildcats wins 22-6 Saturday

You could say that Western Wayne, who topped West Side Tech 22-6, won its Saturday contest against the Pringle school from the opening game.

The Wildcats saw freshman Lane Raney take the opening kickoff and return it 90 yards for the first score of the day before a homecoming crowd.

That was all the first quarter scoring as neither team could add another point to the scoreboard during that period.

The Wildcats added another TD before the first half ended when Wes Simon carried

red the ball in from the two-yard line. Thus, the score was 12-0 as the Wildcats entered the lockerroom for the halftime break.

The second half started with no scoring at the scoreboard.

However, West Side Tech closed the gap in the final quarter when Ken Bevan returned a Western Wayne punt 53 yards. It was then 12-6.

But Western Wayne's Wes Simon, the Wildcats' scoring machine, rambled into the

end zone following a 63-yard run. Joe Pinto passed for a two-point conversion and the Wildcats held a safe 20-6 lead.

The final score of the day came when Simon tackled Seneca in the end zone for a safety.

The Wildcats had a total of 221 rushing yards on the afternoon. They had a total of 12 first downs compared to three for West Side Tech.

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Chargers play Santa, but still win game 19-12

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If you attended the Carbondale Area-Wallenpaupack Area game Saturday you would have thought the Chargers were Santa Claus and Wallenpaupack was the recipient of the gifts.

The Chargers fumbled the ball five times, losing four of them and also turned the ball over on two interceptions.

The Buckhorn also were allowed to score on the opening kickoff and also on a punt return.

But if the Chargers played Santa Claus, one member of the team was Scrooge.

Scrooge turned out to be Dave Pettinato, the three-point star, who rushed for 215 yards on 26 carries, intercepted three passes, and recovered a Buckhorn fumble.

The Chargers, who won the game 19-12, completely dominated the stat sheet, but kept Wallenpaupack Area on the game with untimely missed tackles on special teams.

Wallenpaupack Area opened the game with an 18-yard kickoff return by Bob McLaughlin. The PAT was wide and the Chargers led 12-6 with one minute left in the second quarter.

Dave Pettinato took little time to get the Chargers on the scoreboard in the third quarter when he rushed behind the blocking of Rupp, Hickey, Gillette, Muta and Hunter 56 yards for the touchdown on the first play in the quarter.

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The Charger defense suffered and on fourth down, Dave Pettinato intercepted his first interception of the day and the Chargers took over at the 20-yard line.

The Chargers then gave the Buckhorns another gift, this in the form of a fumble at the Charger 37-yard line.

Again the Charger defense held and the Chargers took over at their own 20-yard line.

The Chargers drove 80 yards in seven plays for the first Charger score of the day. The drive was highlighted by a Walter to Brian White 17-yard pass play, the blocking of fullback J.K. Maza and, of course, the running of Dave Pettinato, who scored the touchdown from three yards out.

Pettinato also had a 33-yard scamper in that drive. Pettinato's kick for the extra point was wide and both teams took a 6-6 tie into second quarter.

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Pettinato then kicked the extra point and the Charger led 13-6.

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Dawn Arthur rolls 193

In last week's Tuesday Night Early Birds bowling action, Alexander's Sara-A won three and Larry's Market and Tierney's Sports Center each won two.

Tierney's Sports Center turned in the top team single score with a 791. Larry's Market rolled the top series of 2154. Dawn Arthur bowled the top individual single of 193.

It seems the powers like the Notre Dame, Michigan, and Oklahoma are losing more than they are accustomed to.

The 95-30 rule means that no team can have more than 95 plays on scholarship at one time.

Some of the big schools used to have 150 commission.

The recipient will pay the additional postage to the mail carrier or may have to pick the license up at the local post office.

The increment was announced too late for most hunters to have the additional postage on their return envelopes.

Without deer season in Dec. 14 and 15.

According to the tournament rules, each match will be the best two of three sets. A nine-point tie breaker will be used at six-11.

In each match, there will be a 20-minute default. Warm-up time will be limited to 10 minutes.

The official draw will be posted Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the bubble. Play will begin the following day at 4 p.m.

Registration forms may be obtained from the tennis bubble. A fee must accompany each entry.

P.J. Karowski rolled his second perfect game of the year and his fourth sanctioned 300 Friday at Valley Lanes, Childs.